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Report of the working group of the United Nations Forum on Forests

The United Nations Forum on Forests recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030 and quadrennial programme of work of the United Nations Forum on Forests for the period 2017-2020

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2015/33 of 22 July 2015, in which it decided that the United Nations Forum on Forests should develop a concise strategic plan for the period 2017-2030 to serve as a strategic framework to enhance the coherence of and guide and focus the work of the international arrangement on forests and its components and that it should consider proposals on the replacement of the reference to the Millennium Development Goals in paragraph 1 (*b*) of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests[1] with an appropriate reference to the Sustainable Development Goals and targets and on the strategic plan for the period 2017-2030,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 70/199 of 22 December 2015, in which the Assembly renamed the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests the United Nations forest instrument,

1. *Approves* the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030 annexed to the present resolution and recommends to the General Assembly its adoption prior to the twelfth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests;

2. *Also approves* the quadrennial programme of work of the Forum for the period 2017-2020 annexed to the present resolution;

[1] General Assembly resolution 62/98, annex.

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3. *Recommends* that the General Assembly amend the reference to the Millennium Development Goals in paragraph 1 (*b*) of the United Nations forest instrument to read: "To enhance the contribution of forests to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the achievement of its goals and targets".

Annex

United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017-2030 and quadrennial programme of work of the United Nations Forum on Forests for the period 2017-2020

Text of UNSPF 2017-2030 and 4POW 2017-2020